MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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BOROUGH OF CONGLETON

REPORT

ON THE

Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough

FOR THE

Year Ended 31st December, 1966

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HEALTH AND SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE BOROUGH

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Year ended 31st December 1966.

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Additional Public Health Inspector: R. H. Flint, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H. (appointed 1st April 1966).

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Members of the Congleton Borough Council,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report for the year 1966, on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough.

The various activities carried out by the Health Department are given as usual and it is suggested that these be read in conjunction with the Annual Report presented to the Divisional Health Committee.

I must thank the Health Inspector and the Engineer and Surveyor for the contribution they have made to this report and the Clerk for the ready assistance he has given me at all times.

I beg to remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

L. Rich

Medical Officer of Health.

The figures in brackets throughout this report are for 1965.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Extracts from Vital Statistics

Estimated population 18150 (17740)

Births		Total		Male		Female	
Live Births	Legitimate	346	(282)	187	(146)	159	(136)
	Illegitimate	13	(11)	8	(3)	5	(8)
Still Births	Legitimate	6	(6)	5	(3)	1	(3)
	Illegitimate	1	(-)	-	(-)	1	(-)

Live birth rate per 1000 estimated average population mid 1966 - 19.7 (16.5).

Live birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population - 17.7 (18.1).

Still birth rate per 1000 total (Live and Still) births - 19.1 (20).

Still birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 total (Live and Still) births - 15.4 (15.7).

Still birth rate per 1000 total population - .38 (.33).

Infantile Mortality

The total number of deaths is shown as follows:-

	Total		Male		Female	
Legitimate	4	(6)	2	(3)	2	(3)
Illegitimate	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)

Infantile mortality rate per 1000 live births - 11.1 (20.4).

Infantile mortality rate for England and Wales - 19 (19).

Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births - 11.2 (21.2).

Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births - 0 (0).

Deaths	Total		Male		Female	
Deaths, all ages	228	(227)	94	(103)	134	(124)

Death rate per 1000 estimated average population - 12 (12.7).

Death rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population - 11.7 (11.5).

The following table shows the deaths from all causes within the district during the past year.

Cause	Total	Male	Female
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic disease	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	7	4	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	5	5	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	3	-	3
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	4	-	4
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	17	6	11
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
Diabetes	3	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	45	14	31
Coronary disease, angina	44	25	19
Hypertension with heart disease	2	-	2
Other heart diseases	27	8	19
Other circulatory disease	14	6	8
Influenza	1	1	-
Pneumonia	11	3	8
Bronchitis	11	8	3
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	2	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	-	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	1	-	1
Congenital malformations	1	1	-
Other defined and ill defined diseases	22	6	16
Motor vehicle accidents	3	2	1
All other accidents	3	3	-
Suicide	-	-	-
Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
Total	228	94	134

Deaths from Puerperal and Maternal causes

	No. of deaths	
Puerperal Sepsis	-	(-)
Other maternal causes	1	(-)

Maternal Mortality rate per 1000 Live and Still Births 2.7 (-).

Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus	Total	Male	Female
1950	1	1	-
1951	4	3	1
1952	4	4	-
1953	3	2	1
1954	5	4	1
1955	3	3	-
1956	8	6	2
1957	5	4	1
1958	6	6	-
1959	5	4	1
1960	6	5	1
1961	8	8	-
1962	7	6	1
1963	9	9	-
1964	3	2	1
1965	4	1	3
1966	5	5	-

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Care of Mothers and Young Children

The Health Visitors serving in this area are as follows:-

Miss M. Corbishley, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.	Nursery Lane Clinic, Congleton. Tel: Congleton 2261.
Mrs. M. Whitby, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.	Nursery Lane Clinic, Congleton. Tel: Congleton 2261.

Clinic Nurse

Mrs. A. M. Tourstiele	Nursery Lane Clinic, Congleton. Tel: Congleton 2261.

Clinic Services

A variety of services are provided at the Clinic which is very heavily used. For information the following regular sessions are held.

(a) Infant Welfare Clinic
(b) Cervical Smear Session
(c) Ante-Natal Clinic
(d) Hearing Tests for babies
(e) Teaching for Deaf Children
(f) Speech Clinic
(g) Immunisation Sessions
(h) Dental Clinic
(i) Minor Ailment Clinic
(j) Child Guidance Work

In addition the Clinic Nurse is constantly in attendance to deal with problems and enquiries. We also have from time to time Health Education classes where film shows and demonstrations are given.

We also make available a session at which the Chiropodist attends to give treatment to elderly and handicapped persons.

Clinic Foods Sold During 1966

	Nursery Lane	West Road
Cow and Gate	1829	144
Ostermilk	700	180
S.M.A.	1096	137
Triple Pack	89	17
Farex	195	32
High Protein Cereal	141	11
Spoonfoods	1753	149
Rose Hip Syrup	1802	162
Ribena	244	36
A. & D. Liquid	263	58
Minadex	68	10
Virol	196	29
Vitavel	284	16
Farlene	278	40
Robsoups	1015	176
Juvel	784	-
Twin Pack	95	14
Mixed Cereal	65	9
Groats	17	4
Baby Rice	84	13
Farley's Rusks	576	77
Liga Biscuits	112	38
Complan	55	-
Barley	11	5
Farex Fingers	222	35

Statistics

Mothers Clinics	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held
Ante-natal	95 (71)	514 (393)	51 (51)

Dental Clinics	No. of Inspections	No. of Visits	No. of Extractions	No. of Fillings
Children 0-5	214	323	75	181
Expectant and Nursing Mothers	27	117	22	90
Dentures Supplied - 9				

Infant Welfare

Welfare Centre	New Cases			Total Attendances			No. of Clinics	Cases seen by Doctor	Average Per Clinic seen by Doctor	Average attendance per Clinic
	0-1	1-2	2-5	0-1	1-2	2-5				
Nursery Lane	269 (259)	- -	- -	3442 (3413)	610 (811)	329 (163)	48 (48)	581 (606)	12.1 (12.6)	91.2 (91.3)
West Road	34 (-)	- (-)	- (-)	476 (-)	43 (-)	19 (-)	12 (-)	130 (-)	10.8 (-)	44.8 (-)

Special Clinics for under 5

	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held	Average per Clinic
Ophthalmic Clinic	10 (26)	84 (71)	20 (23)	4.2 (3.1)
E.N.T. Clinic	1 (4)	4 (9)	9 (9)	.4 (1)

Special Clinics for School Children

	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held	Average per Clinic
Ophthalmic Clinic	61 (61)	351 (413)	20 (26)	17.5(15.8)
E.N.T. Clinic	23 (34)	63 (64)	9 (12)	7 (5.3)

Welfare Foods Sold - 1966

Distribution Centre	National Dried Milk		A. & D. Tablets	Cod Liver Oil	Orange Juice
	F. Cream	H. Cream			
Congleton Clinics and Divisional Medical Office	1468 (2084)	27 (29)	566 (548)	361 (296)	4949 (4565)

Day Nursery

We have in Congleton one of the most successful and efficient Day Nurseries in Cheshire. Despite the frequency of infections that occur in young children we are nearly always full. Although we work in an old building a great deal has been done to modernise and improve and in many respects it is better than some of the more modern buildings being erected.

Wherever possible mothers should stay at home to rear their own children and certainly during the first eighteen months no child should be admitted.

However, mothers will continue to go to work and it is our duty to safeguard the interests of the children by providing satisfactory facilities.

Day Nursery - Attendances 1966

	Average No. Attending		Total Attendances	
0-2 years	9.5	(9)	2337	(2195)
2-5 years	30	(35.2)	7274	(8621)

January %	February %	March %	April %	May %	June %	July %	August %
81.4 (94.3)	82.3 (97.8)	88.5 (95.7)	82.2 (98.3)	92.8 (90)	87.1 (89.1)	85.7 (90.4)	69.7 (75.6)

Day Nursery - Attendances 1966 (Continued)

September %	October %	November %	December %	1966 %
73.7 (95.1)	78.2 (95.1)	80.6 (94.3)	74.8 (85.5)	81.4 (91.8)

Midwifery

Nurse M. S. Bowman and Nurse Butler combine the duties of Home Nurse with that of District Midwife.

Births - 1966

Hospital		Home		Private N. Home	
Live	Still	Live	Still	Live	Still
292 (235)	4 (5)	58 (43)	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)

Home Nursing

Four District Nurses are resident in Congleton Borough.

Name	Address	Tel. No.
M. S. Bowman	4 High Lowe Avenue, Buglawton, Congleton.	Congleton 3444
V.A.R. Butler	8 Edinburgh Road, Congleton.	Congleton 4444
B. Morris	24 The Westlands, Congleton.	Congleton 2104
E. Scholes (Relief)	36 Bailey Crescent, Buglawton, Congleton.	Congleton 3904

The Home Nurses work in close co-operation with the Family Doctors and give a high level of service. With the increasing difficulty of getting patients into hospital, particularly old people, more and more work is falling on to their shoulders. To meet the call a considerable amount of nursing equipment of every kind is used and when required, which is frequent, domestic help is provided.

Meals on Wheels

One cannot speak too highly of the work being done through this service. 36 meals are served twice each week and in addition numerous social visits throughout the year are carried out by these ladies. On occasions assistance has been given by the W.V.S. to old people who have been moved into bungalows. Tribute should be paid to Mrs. Nichols and all her loyal band of W.V.S. workers.

Public Health Laboratory Service

A new laboratory has opened at Chester which we find more convenient than going into Manchester.

Completed Primary Courses - Persons under Age 16 (South East Cheshire)

Type of Vaccine	Year of Birth					Others Under 16	Total	
	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962-59		At Clinics	By G.P's
Quadruple	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triple (D/W.C./T)	435	626	69	28	45	12	594	621
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	5	4	1	6	1	8	9
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	-	-	-	-	5	6	1	10
Polio-Salk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Sabin	339	728	119	58	172	69	712	773

Reinforcing Doses - Persons under Age 16 (South-East Cheshire)

Type of Vaccine	Year of Birth					Others Under 16	Total	
	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962-59		At Clinics	By G.P's
Quadruple	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triple (D/W.C./T)	4	68	148	21	433	68	236	506
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	2	23	6	58[illegible]	443	1013	44
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	5
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	-	-	-	2	5	10	1	16
Polio-Salk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Sabin	2	70	128	53	841	[illegible]	1203	417

Smallpox Vaccination - Persons Under Age 16
(South-East Cheshire)

	Year of Birth				Others Under 16	Total	At Clinics	By G.P's
	1966	1965	1964-62	1961-52				
Vaccinated	43	494	333	151	72	1093	459	634
Re-Vaccinated	-	-	1	65	28	94	3	91

Domestic Help Service

The demands for this service continue to be high and I am pleased to report that most of them in Congleton continue to be met.

Home Helps employed during 1966

Full time	-	(-)
Part time	50	(48)
	50	(48)

Home Helps employed at 31st December 1966

Full time	-	(-)
Part time	38	(33)
	38	(33)

Applications received during 1966

Aged and Infirm	38	(35)
Chronic sick	2	(10)
Mentally disordered	2	(-)
Maternity	4	(8)
Others	4	(-)
	50	(53)

Cases attended during 1966

Aged and Infirm	117	(101)
Chronic sick	13	(20)
Mentally disordered	3	(-)
Maternity	6	(6)
Others	5	(-)
	144	(127)

Domestic Help Service (Continued)

Cases receiving attention at 31st December 1966

Aged and Infirm	98	(81)
Chronic sick	9	(12)
Mentally disordered	3	(-)
Maternity	-	(-)
Others	1	(-)
	111	(93)

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

I am indebted to Mr. A. B. Watson, Borough Engineer and Surveyor, for the following information.

Drainage and Sewerage

Private development has continued within the Borough during the year, principally in the West Heath, Lower Heath and Buglawton areas. A limited amount of development has taken place in the Mossley area. In all cases the development has required the extension of the existing drainage system.

Public Cleansing

A total of approximately 6,300 tons of household refuse has been disposed of by controlled tipping during the year.

The collection of salvage from trade premises by private contractors has been discontinued, and this work is now undertaken by the Corporation on request.

Housing

The number of Council houses completed in 1966:-

Houses	-	(-)
Single Persons Flats	-	(-)
2 Bed Maisonettes	-	(-)
Shops	-	(-)
1 Bedroom type bungalows	-	(-)
Private houses completed in 1966	222	(205)
Number of applicants on the waiting list at 31st December 1966 (excluding applications for aged persons bungalows)	255	(252)
Number of visits re housing applications by Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspector	5	(16)

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1966

Disease	Age Distribution												Total	Cases admitted to Hospital
	Under 1	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65 & over		
Measles	6	17	26	24	21	71	1	-	-	-	-	-	166	-
Pneumonia	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	8	5	19	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	3	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-

Tuberculosis

For comparative purposes I have recorded the notifications of Tuberculosis during 1966 in conjunction with the notifications of this disease received each year since 1957.

Notifications - 1957 to 1966

	1957		1958		1959		1960		1961		1962		1963		1964		1965		1966	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
Male																				
Up to 1 Year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15													1		1					
15 - 25									1										1	
25 - 35	1					1									1		2			
35 - 45	3			1					1						1		2		1	
45 - 55	2		2				1					1	1						1	
55 - 65	2						1						2		1		1		4	
65 & Over							1		1						1				1	
Female																				
Up to 1 Year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15													2							
15 - 25	3	1	1				1		1	1							1			
25 - 35	1		1						1				1						1	
35 - 45	1								1											
45 - 55	1														1	1		1		
55 - 65	1				1															
65 & Over					1	1	1													
Total	15	1	4	1	2	2	5	-	6	1	1	1	7	-	6	1	6	1	9	-

Deaths - 1957/66

	1957		1958		1959		1960		1961		1962		1963		1964		1965		1966	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
Male																				
Up to 1 Year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15																				
15 - 25																				
25 - 35																				
35 - 45																				
45 - 55																				
55 - 65	1										1		2				1			
65 & Over			1								1									
Female																				
Up to 1 Year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15																				
15 - 25																				
25 - 35																				
35 - 45	1																			
45 - 55											1									
55 - 65																				
65 & Over					1												1			
Total	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-

Cases on the Tuberculosis Register
at 31st December 1966, were as follows:-

	Up to 1 Yr.	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 & Over	Total
Male Pulmonary	-	-	-	5	5	5	10	15	14	58
Female Pulmonary	-	-	2	1	9	9	7	7	8	43
Male Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	7	5	[illegible]	5	3	-	21
Female Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	3	3	-	1	3	6	16

THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THIS REPORT COVER THE WORK OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS' DEPARTMENT
Compiled by Mr. R. G. Whiston

General Remarks

The vacant post of Additional Public Health Inspector was filled in April and as a result the task of carrying out initial general inspections of the premises registered under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963, which was suspended in 1964, was recommenced and all premises were inspected by the end of the year. Work on the Council's Slum Clearance Programme held in abeyance was again undertaken.

The Discontinuance Order made by the Council for the Astbury Marsh Caravan Site was the subject of a Public Enquiry in April and the Order was confirmed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in October requiring the use to be discontinued by the 1st June 1967.

The number of licensed slaughterhouses in the Borough is now reduced to one, no application being received for the renewal of the licence for the premises occupied by the Congleton Co-operative Society in Moor Street.

It has been noted that the amount of indiscriminate tipping on the roadside, in disused quarries, etc., is on the increase, items varying from debris following house repairs to motor vehicle bodies and although this is not yet a public health problem it could become so if noxious waste was to be tipped.

The Council considered the implications of the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966, and decided, among other things, that as a matter of policy there be no further lettings of stalls in the outside market for the sale of food.

Public Health Act 1936

Complaints

During the year 129 complaints were received and investigated; 22 of these were found to be concerning matters which could not be dealt with by the department; 33 were known to be related to dangerous structures, waste of water and other matters and were referred to the departments concerned.

Nuisances

Following complaints, and as a result of routine survey, 114 houses were inspected, a total of 97 nuisances found and 65 informal notices issued, 296 visits were made to houses previously inspected and 82 nuisances found to be abated. 60 informal notices were complied with. 3 formal notices were served and complied with.

Drainage

The repair of existing drainage was supervised and necessary testing done. 324 visits were made in connection with this work and the tracing of existing drainage at various properties.

Water Supply

Routine samples were taken monthly from each of the town's systems of supply, from the baths at the National Children's home and also during the season from the Council's swimming baths. The Public Health Laboratory Service, Chester, carried out bacteriological examination of the samples and the reports were satisfactory.

All except 27 (80 occupants) of the houses in the Borough have piped water inside the houses from public water mains.

Disinfestation

The houses and household effects of new tenants for council houses are inspected and where necessary disinfestation is undertaken before removal. For this and other reasons 23 inspections have been carried out and treatments were found to be necessary in 3 cases.

Infectious Disease and Disinfection

7 cases of infectious disease were investigated and the necessary disinfection of premises and library books carried out.

Public Mortuary

This service is under the charge of the department and during the year there were 34 admissions.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses registered.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960

The licensed site at Rocky Pool, Timbersbrook, was visited regularly and was kept in good condition. Some difficulty was experienced with preventing use of the site during the close season and only after prosecution threat by the Council was the improper use finally resolved.

The Discontinuance Order made by the Council for the Astbury Marsh Caravan Site was the subject of a Public Enquiry in April and the Order was confirmed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in October requiring the use to be discontinued by the 1st June 1967.

Noise Abatement Act [illegible]

Only one complaint of noise was received and [illegible] noise at night from a sand drying plant. The Council [illegible] undertaking by the firm concerned agreeing to operate [illegible] working hours only.

Clean Air Act 1956

On very few occasions was any contravention of the Act [illegible] necessary action was undertaken by the firm concerned following [illegible] informal approach.

Housing Acts 1957-1964

88 houses were inspected under the provisions of the Housing Acts and 441 re-visits made.

32 houses in clearance areas were demolished and 3 areas compulsorily cleared.

2 individual unfit houses were demolished and one house was [illegible] and closed.

2 clearance areas comprising a total of [illegible] to the Council and Compulsory Purchase Orders [illegible]

1 clearance area of 6 houses was purchased by the Council [illegible] agreement with the owners.

Reports were submitted on 3 individual unfit properties [illegible] Closing Order was made by the Council in respect of [illegible]

Compulsory Purchase Orders in respect of 2 clearance areas containing 33 houses were confirmed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Following applications for advances under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958, 35 houses were inspected and [illegible] the Council.

Improvement Grants

[illegible] applications for standard grants were received [illegible] were approved.

Certificates of Disrepair

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were [illegible]

539 inspections of premises used for the preparation, storage or sale of food were carried out. 48 contraventions were found and 30 informal notices issued. On re-inspection 70 contraventions had been abated and 28 notices complied with.

Ice-cream

There are 8 shop premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream but only two in fact are manufacturing and both of these use the 'cold mix' method. 88 premises are registered only for selling ice-cream.

During the year 31 samples of ice-cream were taken for bacteriological examination by the Public Health Laboratory at Chester, of these 20 were classified as grade 4.

Informal action was taken regarding the samples classified as grade 3. In two instances storage and stock rotation were improved in the shops concerned, in the other cases the local authority in whose district the ice-cream was manufactured was notified and it was discovered that one manufacturer had in fact been experiencing difficulty with a section of his equipment, and another revised his system of date coding used in the distribution of their products.

Preserved Food

43 premises are registered for the manufacture of preserved food (sausages, potted and pressed meats, etc.) and 16 inspections of these premises were carried out.

Slaughterhouses

Only one of the two slaughterhouses in the Borough submitted an application for the renewal of their slaughterhouse licence and the application was granted by the Council.

All animals killed were inspected in accordance with the Meat Inspection Regulations 1963 and carcases passed as fit marked in accordance with the Regulations. Condemned meat and offal is placed in the receptacles provided, stained with naphthalene green and removed on the Council's behalf by Messrs. Beeson Bros., of Crewe.

Slaughter of Animals Act 1958

[illegible] of all animals in the Borough is carried out by means [illegible] [illegible].

4 slaughtermen's licences were renewed and 2 new licences granted.

Milk and Dairies Regulations 1960

24 farms are registered by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and sell farm bottled milk in the Borough. 5 dairymen are registered and operate from various premises and 62 shop premises are licensed for the sale of milk. 2 premises are registered as dairies.

46 visits have been made dealing with the enforcement of the Regulations.

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

	Total Submitted	Number Brucella Positive
Bulk Samples	27	-
Dealer Samples	144	2
Individual Cow Samples	47	2
Total	218	4

There were, at the end of 1966, 14 dairy herds in the district from which milk was sold raw to the public.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949

The Council has one full-time operative whose duties are concerned with the destruction of rats and mice.

41 visits have been made by Public Health Inspectors in connection with complaints and general supervision.

All work at business premises was carried out after written or verbal intimation had been given and no statutory notices have been served.

A summary of the incidence and treatment carried out is appended.

Maintenance Treatment for Rats in Sewers

It is estimated that there are 1,300 manholes in the Borough and a test bait of 10% of these was undertaken and two treatments carried out during the year.

Factories Act 1961

15 inspections have been made. 2 contraventions were found and 2 contraventions were remedied.

Outworkers

No lists of outworkers were submitted from factories in the area.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

The task of carrying out initial general inspections of the premises registered under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963, which was suspended in 1964, was recommenced and all premises were inspected by the end of the year.

163 general inspections were made and 211 re-visits were made to premises previously inspected.

58 Informal Notices were served as a result of the general inspections and 45 of the Notices served previously and in 1966 were found to be complied with on re-inspection. A total of 179 contraventions were noted and 121 contraventions were found on re-inspection to have been remedied.

Premises registered at the end of the year were as follows:-

Offices	-	37
Retail Shops	-	127
Wholesale Shops, warehouses	-	5
Catering establishments	-	6
Fuel storage depots	-	2
Total		177

A total of 782 persons (males 337, females 445) are shown as employed in the premises registered.

Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964

There are 6 dealers in the Borough registered under the Act.

TABLES AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Summary of Visits and Inspections

General	No. of Visits
Water Supply	66
Drainage	324
Stables and Piggeries	3
Swimming baths	3
Farms	[illegible]
Noise Abatement	[illegible]
Caravans	[illegible]
Factories	[illegible]
Scrap Metal Dealers	4
Hairdressers	1
Refuse Collection	1
Refuse Disposal	12
Rats and Mice	41
Atmospheric Pollution	66
Interviews	253
Pet Shops	2
Miscellaneous	242

Housing

Under Public Health Acts

Number of houses inspected	114
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	296

Under Housing Acts and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958

Number of houses inspected	[illegible]
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	441

Overcrowding

Number of houses inspected	[illegible]

Verminous Premises

Number of inspections	23
Found verminous and disinfested	3
Improvement Grants	7[illegible]
Miscellaneous housing visits	91

Infectious Diseases	No. of Visits
Inquiries	7
Visits re disinfection	1
Miscellaneous	27
Food Premises and Food Inspection	
Slaughterhouses	310
Butchers	47
Canteens	3
Dairies and milk distributors	46
Fishmongers and poulterers	8
Food preparing premises	16
Grocers	119
Greengrocers and fruiterers	34
Ice-cream premises	152
Market stalls	1
Restaurants	19
Street Vendors and Hawkers carts and vehicles	49
Licensed premises	8
Bakeries	13
Miscellaneous	18
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	
Offices	9
Retail shops	145
Wholesalers	5
Caterers	4
Re-visits	211
Summary of Notices Served	
Number of informal notices served	153
Number of informal notices complied with	137
Number of statutory notices served	3
Number of statutory notices complied with	2
Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925-1932	
Number of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation	23
Number of houses the defects in which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officer under Public Health or Housing Acts	61

Number of representations made to the Local Authority with a view to:-

(a) Serving of notices requiring the execution of works (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	Nil
(b) The making of demolition or closing orders	3
Number of notices served requiring the execution of works (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	3
Number of houses which were rendered fit after the service of formal notices (under the Public Health or Housing Acts)	3
Number of Demolition Orders made	Nil
Number of Closing Orders made	1
Number of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under sub-section (3) of section 16 of the Housing Act 1957	Nil
Number of houses demolished	33
Number of Closing Orders under section 27 (2) of the Housing Act 1957, determined	Nil

Food and Drugs Act 1955

Food Premises

Number of food premises in the area by type of business is as follows:-

Butchers	27
Canteens	21
Dairies	8
Milkshops	37
Fishmongers and poulterers	7
Greengrocers	13
Grocers and confectioners	115
Restaurants and Cafes	27
Bakehouses	9

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION

Particulars of Animals Slaughtered

Slaughterhouse	Bulls	Steers	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
E. & G. Vernon West Street	-	340	1	34	2	1023	497	1897

Weight of Meat Condemned

Beef lbs.	Mutton lbs.	Veal lbs.	Pork lbs.	Offal lbs.	Total lbs.
-	-	-	-	853	853

Other Foods Condemned

	Cwts.	lbs.
Canned Foods	6	7
Other Foods	1	13
	7	20

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Part or Whole

	Cattle Ex. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	374	1	2	1023	497
All diseases except T.B. and Cysticercosis					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	61	-	-	32	21
Percentage affected with disease other than T.B. and Cysticercosis:					
1964	23.81	41.66	-	5.81	14.28
1965	30.68	-	-	8.88	22.57
1966	16.31	-	-	3.13	4.23
Tuberculosis					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage affected with T.B:					
1964	0.37	-	-	-	0.41
1965	-	-	-	-	1.36
1966	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted for treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage affected with Cysticercosis:					
1964	0.37	16.66	-	-	-
1965	0.26	-	-	-	-
1966	0.00	-	-	-	-

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

	Type of Property				
	Non-Agricultural				
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling houses (inc. Council houses)	(3) All other (inc. Business premises)	(4) Total of columns (1), (2) and (3)	(5) Agricultural
Number of properties in Local Authority's district	37	6230	1137	7123	86
Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification	2	163	44	209	1
Number of such properties found to be infested by:					
Common Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	2	126	23	151	1
Ship Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
House Mouse Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	29	21	50	-
Total number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act	36	198	414	648	50
Number of such properties found to be infested by:					
Common Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	27	86	218	331	46
Ship Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
House Mouse Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	1	156	157	9
Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority	27	227	421	675	51

FACTORIES ACT 1961

1 - Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	172	16	1	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	172	16	1	-

2 - Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	2	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2	2	-	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

Table A - Registrations and General Inspections

Class of premises	Number of premises registered during the year.	Total number of registered premises at end of year.	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	3	37	9
Retail Shops	6	127	145
Wholesale shops, warehouses.	-	5	5
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	2	6	4
Fuel storage depots	-	2	-
Totals	11	177	163

Table B - Number of Visits of All Kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises

Table C - Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

Class of workplace (1)	Number of persons employed (2)
Offices	254
Retail Shops	427
Wholesale departments, warehouses	23
Catering establishments open to the public	70
Canteens	-
Fuel storage depots	11
Total	782
Total Males Total Females	337 445